

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

With this amendment, claims 7-36 are pending. For convenience, the Examiner's rejections are addressed in the order presented in a January 10, 2005, Office Action.

I. Objections to the claims

Claim 20 is objected to because of a typographical error in the phrase "to amplified." Claim 20 is now amended to recite "to be amplified." In view of this amendment, withdrawal of the objection to claim 20 is respectfully requested.

II. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

Claim 7 is rejected as allegedly indefinite for reciting "extending said second primer-antisense transcription product complex" in step (vi). As the Examiner helpfully points out in the Office Action, the first primer is hybridized to the antisense transcription product. Claim 7 is now amended to recite "extending said first primer-antisense transcription product complex." Support for this amendment is found throughout the specification, for example, at page 28, lines 31-33 and at Figures 1, 2, and 3. It is the Applicants' understanding that this amendment will place the claims in condition for allowance. Thus, in view of this amendment, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION


In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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